



# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



## AUTUMN 2017~ TERMS 1 AND 2

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a relaxing summer. It is going to be a very exciting year, full of creativity and inspiring learning opportunities. We would like to introduce the new Year 1 team of Miss Weir and Mrs Edwards in 1H and Mr Antonious and Mrs Matthews in 1W. Every Thursday Mrs Taylor will be teaching in 1H and Mrs Tucker in 1W.



### School Routines and Equipment

Please ensure your child brings their book bag, coat and a water bottle to school each day.

**Monday**– 1W PE, weekly spellings given out

**Tuesday**– 1H PE, Forest School 1W

**Wednesday**- 1W+1H PE.

**Thursday**– Mrs Tucker (1W) and Mrs Taylor (1H) teaching.

**Friday**- Merit Mark Assembly at 2.45pm

**PE Kit:** All PE kit needs to be labelled in a clearly named bag. Please leave in school until half term. PE timetable:

1H	Tues & Wed
1W	Mon & Wed

### Parent or grandparent Helpers!

We are always looking for parents who can offer some time to help in class by listening to children read, helping with their artwork or even putting up displays. Please let us know if you can help.

### Key Dates

**Monday 11th September:** School Council and Eco Rep Elections. Your child may want to make a poster for the elections on why they would be a good candidate.

**Thursday 14th September:** Year 1 Curriculum Evening at 6pm

**Deadline Friday 15th September:** Please can you send three individual photographs of your child, clearly named and in one envelope. Your child as a baby, a toddler and what they look like now. As part of our 'This is me' topic we are going to be identifying some changes in our lives. We will return the pictures to you at the end of term.

**Monday 18th of September:** Clubs to start

**Deadline Monday 18th September:** Please can your child bring in a small object that is special to them. They will show this to other children in the year group during their 'This is Me Experience Morning'. For example a teddy, a toy or a book.

**Friday 29th September:** Please could your child bring trainers for the inter-house cross country event.

**Thursday 12th of October :** Literature Festival. We are going to see the author Sally Nicholls and learn about her book 'All About Ella.'

**Tuesday 17th October:** Late Parents Evening

**Wednesday 18th October:** Early Parents Evening

**Thursday 19th October**– Individual and sibling photos (and staff)

**Thursday 19th October**– Maths Morning

**Friday 20th October:** Whole School Art Day

**Friday 3rd of November:** House Football– Children to wear house PE kits to school.

**Wednesday 15th November:** 1W Class Assembly

**Friday 24th November:** PTA Christmas Fair 5-7pm

**Wednesday 6th December:** Year 1 Christmas Carols

**Friday 8th December:** Reports Out

**Monday 11th December:** Infant Christmas Party

**Tuesday 19th December:** Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 20th December:** End of term 1.30pm



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## **Curriculum Evening : Thursday 14th September 6pm**

The curriculum evening is a vital opportunity to learn about the expectations of Year 1 and ways to help your child at home including some top tips and a resource pack.

## **Forest School**

1W have the privilege of starting the forest school sessions this year. They will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and the children will need to bring appropriate clothing to change into. Please see the forest school letter for further information. 1H to follow later in the year.

## **Link Books**

Please use the Home to School Link Book to let us know anything you feel we should know about your child. Year 1 TAs will check these books every day so that we are aware of any events, concerns or achievements that may have an impact on your child at school. Please don't feel obliged to write in this book, it is an extra channel of communication if it works for you. If there is anything very serious or confidential that you want to tell us, please speak directly to the class teacher. This book is not intended to replace face-to-face communication. The teachers are always around before and after school for a quick chat or we can arrange an appointment if you need longer.

## **Home Learning**

### **Reading**

Reading is so essential for all aspects of school life and is the main focus this year. We want to foster a love of reading and an enjoyment of books. Please read to your child as well as listening to them. Reading books are changed 3 times a week as long as the book has been finished and it has been recorded in the yellow reading diary. This is so your child gets the chance to develop fluency and practice the book again i.e. Book decoded on Monday and read for fluency on Tuesday. You may want to supplement this with home reading for enjoyment, which we would love to see recorded as well.

### **Spellings (Start on Monday the 18th of September.)**

Spelling homework will be give out on Monday and is based on the 100 high frequency words. These are vital for your child's reading and writing. The spellings start at the beginning of this list and therefore may initially seem easy but will progress to the Year 1 tricky words. Each week there will be five words to learn and we would like the children to practise writing each word at least five times in their yellow spelling book. For a challenge they might want to use the spelling in a sentence. We will give the children an informal test the following Monday.

### **Phonics (Start on Monday the 18th of September.)**

Each day there will be a letter formation sheet for the sound the children are learning. These sheets are print letter formation to correspond with the books they are reading. When writing the letters the children can either use print or cursive handwriting, depending on what they find easiest. After half term, the children will receive the new Phase 5 sounds in their red phonics books as well as daily sound letter formation sheets.

### **Creative Homework and Maths Homework**

Creative and maths homework will follow later in the year because reading is the top priority at the moment.

## Year 1 - Autumn 1 This Is Me!

### History

- Identify changes in our lives and others around us.
- Placing clothes, toys and themselves in chronological order.

### RE

- Sense of Belonging
- Harvest

### Literacy

- This is me- Writing informative sentences about themselves.
- Poetry - Pattern and Rhyme.
- Ongoing - phonics, reading and writing.

### Art

- Exploring different types of lines.
- Self Portraits in a variety of different ways (Charcoal, Digital, Painting, Pop Art)



### Numeracy

- Counting 1-20
- Number lines
- Number writing 1-20 in words and numerals
- Number Bonds to 10
- Number Bonds to 20

### Science

- Recognising and describing changes in ourselves and animals as we grow older.
- Exploring our five senses.

### PSHE

- Working together as a team.

### PE

- Lost and Found- A physical movement unit.
- Rolling equipment - Develop control when rolling equipment and start to understand tactics.

### Music

- Keeping a steady pulse.
- Using a variety of instruments through dance.

### ICT

- Exploring different painting programs (digital portraits).
- Creating a 'This is me' ebook.

## Year 1 Autumn 2- Frozen!

### History

- Arctic Explorer – Significant person from the past – Scott/Edward Wilson.

### RE

- The Christmas Story

### English

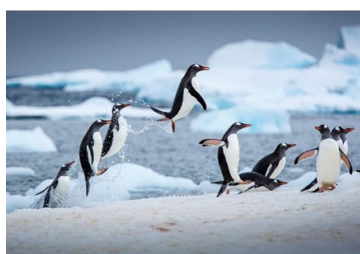
- Stories from another culture-Polar Bear Son
- Information writing on Scott of Antarctica.

### Maths

- Adding number lines to 20
- Place value- numbers to 100
- Place value
- Addition 1
- Addition and subtraction 2
- Counting in 2s 5s 10s

### Music

- Sounds interesting: exploring sounds



### Science

- Seasonal Changes (Autumn and Winter)

### DT

- Christmas moving pictures

### PE

- Gym making shapes
- Catching and bouncing

### PSHE

- My relationships
- Similarities & differences between people

### ICT

- 'We are celebrating' creating an electronic Christmas card



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## Reading Challenge

To make reading more exciting, the Year 1 team have created a challenge grid with lots of fun and interesting tasks. If you complete any 5 tasks from each column by Christmas and have each task signed by a parent. You will receive a reading certificate and a Merit Mark. We hope you have fun completing the tasks and look forward to hearing about them from the children.

R	E	A	D
Read with a friend	Read under a blanket	Read with a torch	Read a picture book to a younger sibling or younger family friend
Read for 15 minutes	Read in the shade under a tree	Read at the dinner table	Read in a den made from blankets
Read in your pyjamas	Read in a sleeping bag	Read to a grand parent or family friend for 15 minutes	Read 2 books by the same author
Read a joke book	Read the cereal box	Read whilst eating an apple	Read to a pet
Read whilst sitting on the stairs	Read on a blanket in a park	Read at your friend's house	Read during a rain storm
Read while snuggling a teddy	Read while wearing fancy dress	Read after a club such as swimming	Read a mystery
Read at the public library	Read in an extreme place	Read for 30 minutes	Read a non fiction book
Read to a parent for 30 minutes	Read to a brother or sister or younger family friend	Read two books from the same series	Read your favourite book

